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Population, Income, Food Insecurity, Education, and Employment

Population		Rural*	Urban*	Total
Year				
1980		45,582,560	180,959,644	226,542,204
1990		44,769,175	203,940,698	248,709,873
2000		48,841,966	232,579,940	281,421,906
2010		51,043,753	257,701,785	308,745,538
2011		51,112,517	260,479,400	311,591,917

More information on population in United States

- [County-level Population Data](#)
- [Rural Population and Migration Topic Page](#)
- Contact [John Cromartie](#), 202-694-5421.

Income		Rural*	Urban*	Total
Per-capita income (2009 dollars)	2009	31,221	41,127	39,483
	2010	31,798	41,546	39,937
	Percent change	1.8	1.0	1.1
	Earnings per job (2009 dollars)			
	2009	36,872	53,335	50,917
	2010	37,752	54,117	51,714
	Percent change	2.4	1.5	1.6
	Poverty rate (percent)			
	1979	15.9	11.6	12.4
	1989	17.3	12.2	13.1
Poverty rate, latest model-based estimates (percent)	1995	16.1	13.2	13.8
	1999	14.8	11.9	12.4
	2000	13.8	10.8	11.3
	2010	17.8	14.8	15.3

More information on poverty rates in United States

- [County-level Poverty Data](#)
- [Rural Poverty & Well-being Topic Page](#)
- See important notes about [decennial and model-based intercensal poverty estimates](#)
- Contact [Tracey Farrigan](#), 202-694-5489

Household-level Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security		2002-04 avg.	2005-07 avg.	2008-10 avg.
Percent				
	Food insecure households	11.4	11.0	14.6

	Very low food security households	3.6	4.0	5.6
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More information on Food Insecurity in United States

- [Food Security in the U.S. Topic Page](#)
- [Definitions of Food Insecurity and Very Low Food Security](#)
- Comparisons of prevalence rates of food insecurity between States must take account of the margins of error, which are sizeable for many States. Margins of error are published along with State prevalence rates in each year's *Household Food Security in the United States* report.
- Contact [Alisha Coleman-Jensen](#), 202-694-5456.

Education (Persons 25 and older)		Rural*	Urban*	Total
	Not completing high school			
	1980	41.8	31.6	33.5
	1990	31.4	23.3	24.8
	2000	23.5	18.8	19.6
	2006-2010	17.6	14.7	15.0
	Completing high school only			
	1980	35.0	34.4	34.6
	1990	35.2	28.9	30.0
	2000	35.9	27.1	28.6
	2006-2010	36.8	27.4	29.0
	Completing some college			
	1980	12.4	16.4	15.7
	1990	21.0	25.8	24.9
	2000	25.5	27.8	27.4
	2006-2010	28.1	28.0	28.1
	Completing college			
	1980	10.6	17.6	16.2
	1990	12.4	22.1	20.3
	2000	15.1	26.4	24.4
	2006-2010	17.5	29.9	27.9

More information on education in United States

- [County-level Education Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
- Contact [Alexander Marré](#), 202-694-5338

Employment		Rural*	Urban*	Total
	Total jobs (number)			
	2009	25,585,991	148,622,809	174,208,800
	2010	25,512,180	148,255,220	173,767,400
	Employment change (percent)			
	2008-2009	-3.6	-3.7	-3.6
	2009-2010	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1
	2010-2011	0.6	0.9	0.9
	Unemployment rate (percent)			
	2010	9.2	9.7	9.6
	2011	8.4	9.0	8.9

More information on unemployment rates in United States

- [County-level Unemployment Data](#)
- [Rural Employment & Education Topic page](#)
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Federal Funds

Federal Funds, FY 2010		Rural*	Urban*	Total
Federal funding				
All Federal funds		10,288	10,898	10,798
Federal funding by purpose (function codes)				
Agriculture and natural resources		330	42	89
Community resources		926	1,507	1,412
Defense and space		860	1,757	1,610
Human resources		256	191	201
Income security		6,969	5,601	5,825
National functions		947	1,800	1,660
Federal funding by type of payments (object codes)				
Grants		1,796	1,546	1,587
Direct loans		284	278	279
Guaranteed/insured loans		743	1,391	1,285
Retirement/disability payments		3,507	2,797	2,913
Other direct payments to individuals		2,173	1,923	1,964
Direct payments, not to individuals		278	70	104
Procurement contracts		684	1,762	1,586
Salaries and wages		822	1,131	1,081

More information on Federal Funds in United States

[Program Function](#)

• [Rural Development Policy Topic Page](#)

• [Federal Funds Data](#)

• Contact [Richard Reeder](#), 202-694-5360

* The terms “rural” and “urban” here refer to data for nonmetro and metro areas, a county-level classification defined by the Office of Management and Budget. We use the June 2003 version of nonmetro and metro areas because it reflects conditions at the beginning of the decade. See [What is Rural?](#) for a discussion of differences between metro-nonmetro categories and the Census Bureau’s rural-urban classification.

Organic Agriculture

Organic agriculture		2006	2007	2008
Certified operations (number)		9,501	11,367	12,941
Crops (acres)		1,885,904	2,285,643	2,655,382
Pasture & rangeland (acres)		1,051,569	2,005,040	2,160,577
Total (acres)		2,937,473	4,290,684	4,815,959

More information on organic agriculture in United States

• [Organic Production Data](#)

• [Organic Agriculture Topic Page](#)

• Contact [Catherine Greene](#), 202-694-5541.

Farm Characteristics

Census of Agriculture		1997	2002	2007
Approximate total land area (acres)		2,262,462,020	2,263,960,501	2,260,994,361
Farmland (acres)		954,752,502	938,279,056	922,095,840

Farmland in total land area (percent)	42.2	41.4	40.8
Cropland (acres)	445,324,765	434,164,946	406,424,909
Cropland in farmland (percent)	46.6	46.3	44.1
Cropland in pasture (percent)	14.9	13.9	8.8
Cropland irrigated (percent)	11.5	11.6	12.7
Harvested cropland (acres)	318,937,401	302,697,252	309,607,601
Woodland (acres)	76,854,833	75,878,213	75,098,603
Woodland in farmland (percent)	8.0	8.1	8.1
Woodland in pasture (percent)	40.4	41.0	38.1
Pastureland (acres)	398,232,125	395,278,829	408,832,116
Pastureland in farmland (percent)	41.7	42.1	44.3
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. (acres)	34,340,781	32,957,068	31,740,212
Land in house lots, ponds, roads, wasteland, etc. in farmland (percent of total farms)	3.6	3.5	3.4
Conservation practices			
Farmland in conservation or wetland reserve program (acres)	31,901,955	32,723,967	38,547,450
Average farm size (acres)	431	441	418
Farms by size (percent of total farms)			
1 to 99 acres	49.2	51.0	54.4
100 to 499 acres	34.7	33.1	31.0
500 to 999 acres	8.1	7.6	6.8
1000 to 1,999 acres	4.6	4.7	4.2
2000 or more acres	3.4	3.7	3.6
Farms by sales (percent of total farms)			
Less than \$9,999	55.3	59.3	59.8
\$10,000 to \$49,999	21.4	19.4	18.3
\$50,000 to \$99,999	7.4	6.6	5.7
\$100,000 to \$499,999	12.7	11.3	10.9
More than \$500,000	3.2	3.3	5.3
Tenure of farmers			
Full owner farms (farms)	1,384,565	1,428,136	1,522,033
Full owner farms (percent of total farms)	62.5	67.1	69.0
Part owner farms (farms)	615,902	551,004	542,192
Part owner farms (percent of total farms)	27.8	25.9	24.6
Tenant farms (farms)	215,409	149,842	140,567
Tenant farms (percent of total farms)	9.7	7.0	6.4
Farm organization			
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (farms)	1,922,590	1,909,598	1,906,335
Individuals/family, sole proprietorship (percent of total farms)	86.8	89.7	86.5
Family-held corporations (farms)	81,621	66,667	85,837
Family-held corporations (percent of total farms)	3.7	3.1	3.9
Partnerships (farms)	185,607	129,593	174,247
Partnerships (percent of total farms)	8.4	6.1	7.9

Non-family corporations (farms)	8,811	7,085	10,237
Non-family corporations (percent of total farms)	0.4	0.3	0.5
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (farms)	17,247	16,039	28,136
Others - cooperatives, estate or trust, institutional, etc. (percent)	0.8	0.8	1.3
Characteristics of principal farm operators			
Average operator age (years)	54.0	55.3	57.1
Farm operators with farming as their principal occupation (percent)	47.1	57.5	45.1
Men (number)	2,006,092	1,891,163	1,898,583
Women (number)	209,784	237,819	306,209

More information on farm characteristics in United States

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

Farm Financial Indicators

Farm income and value added data	2009	2010
Farms (number)	2,200,210	2,200,930
Final crop output (1,000 dollars)	168,021,780	172,068,036
+ Final animals output (1,000 dollars)	119,845,824	140,715,835
+ Services and forestry (1,000 dollars)	42,699,844	39,486,099
= Final agricultural sector output (1,000 dollars)	330,567,448	352,269,970
- Intermediate consumption outlays (1,000 dollars)	190,012,149	192,648,874
+ Net government transactions (1,000 dollars)	1,119,152	935,105
= Gross value added (1,000 dollars)	141,674,451	160,556,202
- Capital consumption (1,000 dollars)	30,091,031	30,694,908
= Net value added (1,000 dollars)	111,583,420	129,861,294
- Factor payments (1,000 dollars)	49,940,341	50,798,120
Employee compensation (total hired labor) (1,000 dollars)	25,028,365	23,694,290
Net rent received by nonoperator landlords (1,000 dollars)	9,757,680	12,641,835
Real estate and nonreal estate interest (1,000 dollars)	15,154,296	14,461,995
= Net farm income (1,000 dollars)	61,643,080	79,063,174

More information on farm income in United States

- [Farm Income and Wealth Statistics](#)

- [Farm Sector Income & Finances Topic Page](#)
- Contact [Ted Covey](#), 202-694-5344.

Top Commodities, Exports, and Counties

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2010		Farm receipts 1,000 dollars	Farm receipts percent of state	Farm receipts percent of U.S.
	1. Cattle and calves	51,531,014	16.4	
	2. Corn	44,768,644	14.2	
	3. Soybeans	33,169,674	10.6	
	4. Dairy products	31,361,181	10.0	
	5. Broilers	23,696,132	7.5	
	All commodities	314,352,697		

More information on top agriculture commodities in United States

- [Leading Commodities by cash receipts](#)
- Contact [Ted Covey](#), 202-694-5344.

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2010		Exports rank among states	Exports million dollars
	1. Soybeans and products		22,086.4
	2. Other		14,896.0
	3. Feed grains and products		11,912.2
	4. Live animals and meat		8,906.6
	5. Wheat and products		8,666.6
	Total exports		108,663.7

More information on agricultural exports in United States

- [State Export Data](#)
- [U.S. Agricultural Trade Topic Page](#)
- Contact [Nora Brooks](#), 202-694-5211.

Top 5 counties in agricultural sales, 2007		Total receipts percent of state	Total receipts 1,000 dollars
	1. Fresno County, CA	1.3	3,730,546.0
	2. Tulare County, CA	1.1	3,335,014.0
	3. Kern County, CA	1.1	3,204,147.0
	4. Merced County, CA	0.8	2,330,408.0
	5. Monterey County, CA	0.7	2,178,470.0
	State Total		297,220,491.0

More information on agricultural sales in United States

- [Census of Agriculture](#)
- Contact [NASS Customer Service](#), 1-800-727-9540.

Data Sources

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- Current Population Survey, Food Security Supplements, 2002-2010.
- Regional Economic Information System, April 2012, [Bureau of Economic Analysis](#), U.S. Department of Commerce.
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- Organic data, [USDA, Economic Research Service](#), based on information from USDA-accredited State and private organic certifiers.
- [Farm Income and Costs Briefing Room](#), Economic Research Service, USDA.
- [Foreign Agricultural Trade of the United States](#) (FATUS), Economic Research Service, USDA.
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